

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of:                            | ) |                               |
| <b>Teruhiko SUZUKI et al.</b>                    | ) |                               |
| Application No.: <b>10/571,013</b>               | ) | Group Art Unit: <b>2421</b>   |
| Filed: <b>March 8, 2006</b>                      | ) | Confirmation No.: <b>6699</b> |
| For: <b>ENCODING METHOD, ENCODING APPARATUS,</b> | ) |                               |
| <b>DECODING METHOD, DECODING APPARATUS AND</b>   | ) |                               |
| <b>PROGRAMS THEREOF</b>                          | ) |                               |

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL FILING RECEIPT AND NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE**

Sir:

In reviewing our files, we find that we have not yet received an Official Filing Receipt or Notice of Acceptance from your Office for the above-referenced application.

Applicants received a Notification of Abandonment, dated February 23, 2009, indicating that the above-referenced application was abandoned for failure to timely file a proper reply to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed July 8, 2008.

In response to the Notification of Abandonment, Applicants filed a Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment, resubmitting the as-filed responsive documents, along with the date-stamped receipt (dated March 8, 2006). No petition fees were remitted as the Notification was mailed in error.

Applicants received a Decision on Petition dated June 17, 2008 from the PCT Legal Office vacating the Notification of Abandonment and dismissing the Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment as moot.

The Decision on Petition indicated that this application would be forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office for further processing. Applicants have monitored this applications progress in PAIR and have found that the status of this application is still listed as abandoned.


Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that status of this application be corrected to reflect the status as pending and that the Commissioner furnish an Official Filing Receipt and Notice of Acceptance for this application.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this request, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: January 28, 2011

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